



Statewide Commission on Children, Youth and their Families
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Primary Project

Program Overview

Primary Project is a school-based early intervention and prevention program designed to reduce social, emotional and school adjustment difficulties. Kindergarten and first grade students who screen eligible for the program meet one-on-one with trained and supervised paraprofessionals called Child Associates. Child Associates develop trusting relationships with students through child-led play. Children meet with the Child Associate once a week for 30-40 minutes for 12-15 sessions.

Participating Schools

Aiton Elementary School
Browne Educational Center
Garrison Elementary School
Harriet Tubman Elementary School
MC Terrell/McGogney Elementary School
Moten/Wilkinson Elementary School
Randle Highlands Elementary School
Simon Elementary School

Stanton Elementary School
Thurgood Marshall Educational Center
Turner at Green Elementary School
Webb/Wheatley Elementary School
Burrville Elementary School
Myrtilla Miner Elementary School
Meridian Public Charter School
Eagle Academy Public Charter School

Expected Outcomes

Primary Project is proven to reduce negative adjustment behaviors, and improve children's self-confidence, social skills, learning skills and other school-related competencies.

More Information

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